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SUBJ: GHANA MAY REQUEST US FOR FOOD AID

REF: (A) ACCRA 0404; (B) 77 ACCRA 8654

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING:

2. BEGIN TEXT: MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING, 17 JANUARY
1978, YOUR EXCELLENCY.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, I WISH TO RECALL WITH
APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE GHANA RECEIVED FROM THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DURING ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL
PERIODS IN HER HISTORY.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, AS A RESULT OF CONTINUED DROUGHT, THE
COUNTRY EXPERIENCED ACUTE FOOD SHORTAGE IN PARTS. THANKS
TO THE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS SUCH AS
THE UNITED STATES, WE MANAGED TO SURVIVE.

I WISH TO REQUEST YOU TO EXTEND MY PERSONAL THANKS TO
GOVERNOR GILLIGAN FOR THE SPEEDY AND READY RESPONSE WHICH
THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
GAVE TO OUR REQUEST FOR FOOD AID. WE HOPE THAT GHANA
WILL EXPERIENCE GOOD HARVEST THIS YEAR SO THAT WE WILL
NOT HAVE TO RELY SO HEAVILY ON OUR FRIENDS. SHOULD THE
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NEED ARISE HOWEVER, WE WILL APPROACH FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS
AGAIN FOR WHAT ASSISTANCE THEY CAN GIVE, AND I AM SURE
IN THIS EVENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL RESPOND
WITH THE SAME SPEED.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED) COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING R.K.A. GARDINER.

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAD RECENTLY HAD SOME INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT THE GOG MIGHT NOT SEEK US FOOD AID TO MEET SHORTAGES EXPECTED THIS SPRING (REFTAL A), THIS LETTER, AS GARDINER HAS DONE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, VERY CLEARLY LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR SUCH A REQUEST. THE LETTER ALSO RATHER GRACIOUSLY MAKES CLEAR THAT THE RECENT FOOD AID SUSPENSION INCIDENT (REFTEL B) IS COMPLETELY CLOSED.
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